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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 CFR 10/018045
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AU00/00641	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 07 June 2000	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 8 June 1999
TITLE OF INVENTION SMALL CYCLIC MIMICS OF BRAIN-DERIVED NEUROTROPHIC FACTOR (BDNF)		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Richard HUGHES et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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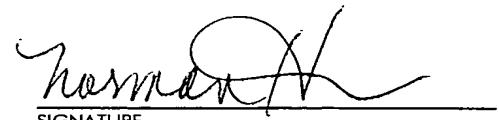
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**IN THE MATTER OF International Patent Application No. PCT/AU00/00641
in the name of THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
Entitled SMALL CYCLIC MIMICS OF BRAIN-DERIVED NEUROTROPHIC
FACTOR (BDNF)
Our Ref: SJB:AN:FP12888**

We refer to the first Written Opinion dated 7 March 2001 issued by the International Preliminary Examining Authority in respect of this application.

The applicant notes that there were no novelty or inventive step objections raised against claims 3-23, 26-30, 35, 36, 39, 40, 44, 45, 50 and 51. However, the applicant also notes that novelty and inventive step objections have been taken against claims 1, 2, 24, 25, 31-34, 37, 38, 41-43, 46-49 and 52. In response, the applicant lodges herewith substitute page 72 containing revised claim 1, and the applicant respectfully submits that, in the light of these proposed amendments, all of the claims are novel and inventive over the cited prior art documents.

Specifically, the applicant considers that claim 1 now specifically disclaims brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) *per se* and other neurotrophic factors such as NGF, NT-3 and N-4/5. Moreover, claim 1 is restricted to compounds that are not derived from NGFNT-3 or NT-4/5 or monocyclic monomeric compounds derived from loop 2 of BDNF. In other words, the cyclic compounds now claimed do not include any compounds disclosed in any of the prior art documents cited in the Written Opinion.

Documents D4 to D6 for example, are directed towards BDNF *per se* or pharmaceutical formulations thereof. None of these documents relate to cyclic compounds of molecular weight less than 3,000 daltons that have the biological activity of BDNF.

Document D1 is a publication of the inventors and relates to monomeric monocyclic peptides derived from loop 2 of BDNF. This publication does not disclose dimers or monomeric monocyclic peptides derived from loop 4 of BDNF. Furthermore, the dimerisation is counter to what would be predicted from alanine scanning as disclosed in D1.

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Document D2 only discloses monomeric monocyclic peptides derived from NGF loops. For example on page 14 it is stated that:

“the antagonistic property of the analogue suggest that for agonistic binding ligand must either engage more than one cite on a given receptor, or possess the ability to induce receptor dimerisation”

In other words this document does not disclose dimers nor does it disclose BDNF sequences. Indeed there is no mention of BDNF. While, this document may disclose cyclic peptides which are capable of binding to BDNF peptides, there are no concrete examples or sequences of BDNF disclosed. Accordingly, in the light of the proposed amendments which specifically disclaims peptides based upon NGF, the present invention is novel and inventive over document D2.

Document D3 does not disclose BDNF. Indeed, document D3 is directed towards novel sequences that are *unrelated* to BDNF, or any other neurotrophin or neurotrophic factor. Document D3 discloses hypocampal cholinergic neutrophic factor (HCNP). While HCNP is isolated from brain, this does not make it BDNF. BDNF is a specific factor that has been identified in the literature previously. Document D3 discloses monomeric peptides although there are some monomeric monocyclic peptides also disclosed.

Accordingly, the applicant respectfully submits that none of the prior art cited by the Examiner in any way discloses or teaches towards the presently claimed invention.

Favourable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Yours faithfully

CLAIMS :

- 1). A cyclic compound comprising one or more cyclic moieties, which has a biological activity of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), and a molecular weight less than 3,000 daltons with the proviso that the compound is not derived from NGF, NT-3 or NT-4/5 or a monocyclic monomeric compound derived from loop2 of BDNF.
- 2). A compound according to claim 1, wherein the compound is monocyclic monomeric, bicyclic dimeric, or tricyclic dimeric.
- 3). A compound according to claim 2, wherein the compound is a bicyclic dimeric compound of general formula (I):

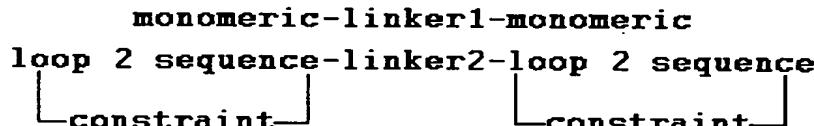


(I).

20 4). A compound according to claim 3, wherein the constraint comprises a covalent grouping of atoms.

5). A compound according to claim 4, wherein the constraint and the linker may be the same or different.

25 6). A compound according to claim 2, wherein said compound is a tricyclic dimeric compound of general formula (II):



(II).

30 7). A compound according to claim 6, wherein each of
the constraint, linker 1 and linker 2 may be the same or